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the coupling lens 562 so as to be incident on the prism beam splitter 571 equipped with the wavelength selecting film 572. The laser beam for the CD disc having a wavelength of 780 nm, which is incident on the prism beam splitter 571, is reflected by the wavelength selecting film 572 and the reflected laser beam passes through the collimator 573 and the dichroic filter 574 so as to be incident on the objective lens 575.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above paragraphs.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An optical head device comprising:
 - a light source for emitting a light beam having a predetermined wavelength;
 - a light source driving circuit for driving said light source for allowing said light source to emit said light beam;
 - a monitor light detector for detecting the light amount of said light beam emitted from said light source;
 - an objective lens for collecting the light beam on a predetermined position of said optical disc;
 - a light receiver for receiving said light beam reflected from said optical disc and for converting the received light beam into an electric signal;
 - a base having an open portion and holding an optical component arranged in the open portion for guiding said light beam in a manner to form an optical path of said light beam from said light source to said objective lens; and
 - a holder for holding said monitor light detector within the open portion of said base in parallel to the optical path and in a manner not to interfere with said light beam.
2. (Amended) The optical head device according to claim 1, wherein said holder includes a cover attached to said base for holding at least one of said light source, said light source driving circuit, said monitor light detector, said objective lens, and said light receiver.
3. (Amended) The optical head device according to claim 2, wherein said base holds said cover with a predetermined clearance provided therebetween.

4. (Amended) The optical head device according to claim 3, wherein said base permits a part of said light source driving circuit to be exposed to the outside through the clearance formed between said cover and said base.

5. (Amended) An optical head used in an optical disc apparatus in which an optical disc is irradiated with a light beam for recording data in said optical disc or for reproducing data from said optical disc, at least one of a circuit component and element for reproducing or recording data being housed in said optical head, comprising:

a light source for emitting a light beam having a predetermined wavelength;

an objective lens for collecting said light beam for irradiating said optical disc with said light beam;

a driving mechanism for moving the objective lens in a predetermined direction for at least one of a focusing and a tracking to the optical disc;

a light receiver for receiving said light beam reflected from said optical disc and for converting said received light beam into an electric signal;

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a base having an open portion and holding an optical component arranged in the open portion for guiding said light beam in a manner to form an optical path of said light beam from said light source to said objective lens;

a light source driving circuit for driving the light source;

a signal processing circuit for processing the electric signal from said light receiving element;

a driving mechanism driving circuit for driving the driving mechanism; and

a holder for holding at least one of said driving circuit, said light source driving circuit, said signal processing circuit, and said driving mechanism driving circuit within the open portion of said base in parallel manner to said optical path within said base and in a manner not to interfere with said optical path within said base.

7. (Amended) The optical head according to claim 5, wherein said driving mechanism driving circuit has a yoke constituting a magnetic circuit, and the holder does not project beyond the height to which the yoke projects within the open portion of said base.

10. (Amended) An optical head used in an optical disc apparatus in which an optical disc is irradiated with a light beam for reproducing data from the optical disc or for recording data in the optical disc, comprising:

an objective lens;

a light source emitting a light beam having a predetermined wavelength;

a light source driving part for driving the light source;

a base having an open portion and holding an objective lens and the light source within the open portion in a manner to define an optical path of a predetermined length; and

a cover for holding the light source driving part in a position parallel to the optical

A37 path within the open portion so as not to interfere with the beam.

11. (Amended) The optical head according to claim 10, wherein said base holds said cover with a predetermined clearance provided therebetween.

12. (Amended) The optical head according to claim 11, wherein said base permits a part of said light source driving part to be exposed to the outside through the clearance formed between the cover and said base.

13. (Amended) The optical head according to claim 11, wherein said light source driving part is fixed to the cover with a flexible printed circuit interposed therebetween.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.